



# The Citation March

## The Admiral Harvey Weitz Boat Ride

Our annual **SBA Harvey Weitz Boat Ride** will take place **Friday, April 27, 2018**, down the Savannah River to Daufuskie Island and Harbor Town, S.C. The boat leaves at **10:00 a.m.** from the dock directly in front of Spanky's Restaurant on River Street. The boat should return around 4:00/4:30 p.m. that afternoon. We hope you can make it! The cost is \$15 for SBA members and \$20 for out of town lawyer guests - remember, you must have paid your 2017-2018 dues in full in order to board the boat!

Due to expenses associated with this event, refunds are not permitted. Please review the SBA Guest Policy carefully before registering. Specifically, a member may only bring guests who are practicing attorneys in locales other than Savannah/Chatham County. Per the SBA guest policy, non-attorney guests are not allowed on the boat ride. The SBA will open registration on its website some several weeks before the date of the boat ride.

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## Important Request from the Savannah Bar Association

It is common for officers of the SBA to hear remarks from guests attending our events about the vibrancy of our bar association and the high caliber of our monthly events. The cost of these events is directly related to the number of attendees, and the venues and caterers require a headcount commitment several days to several weeks in advance, depending on the event. The headcount commitment number is based on the RSVP responses received from the membership. Regardless of whether fewer attendees show up than RSVP'd for the event, the SBA is charged for the headcount commitment.

To determine the best number to commit to before an event, the SBA has begun tracking the number of affirmative RSVPs versus actual attendees, and we have noted that actual attendance is consistently about 30 percent lower than what is indicated by affirmative RSVPs. Though SBA Officers have been considering the discrepancy to try to avoid spending more than necessary on events, we are also tasked with ensuring there is enough seating, food, and beverages for those who do attend. Event no-shows have inevitably resulted in the SBA spending more than necessary on events.

If the RSVP and actual attendance discrepancy continues, then it is likely that dues will need to be raised and/or the quality of our events compromised. The SBA's annual dues are relatively modest and have not been raised in some time, and we are doing our best to continue that trend. However, to maintain the high standard of our events and avoid an increase in dues, we ask that SBA members RSVP and honor your RSVP. If you respond that you will attend an event, please do so. Alternatively, if you become aware in advance that you will not be able to attend, please send an email as soon as possible to [savannahbarassociation@gmail.com](mailto:savannahbarassociation@gmail.com) and let our website administrator know that you will not attend so that we can try to adjust the headcount for that event.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and assistance in this matter.



## Bouhan Falligant Attorneys Named Georgia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

Partners with Bouhan Falligant were recently recognized as 2018 Georgia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars. In addition, partner Kathy Horne was once again named one of the top 50 women practicing law in the state of Georgia.

The Georgia Super Lawyer recognition is awarded annually to the top five percent of attorneys in the state. The honor is based on independent research, peer review and professional achievement. Atlanta Magazine features many of the attorneys in its February 2018 issue.

The following Bouhan Falligant attorneys were named 2018 Georgia Super Lawyers:



**Todd M Baiad**  
Transportation  
/Maritime; Business  
Litigation



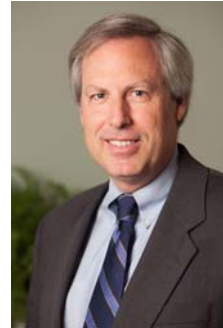
**Glen M Darbyshire**  
Personal Injury-  
Products; Business  
Litigation



**Leamon R.  
Holliday, III**  
Schools & Education



**Kathy Horne**  
Bankruptcy;  
Top 50 Women



**Carlton E. Joyce**  
Personal Injury  
Medical Malpractice  
Defense



**Dennis B. Keene**  
Personal Injury  
Products Defense;  
Transportation/  
Maritime



**Margaret "Maggie"  
W. S. Puccini**  
Bankruptcy;  
Construction Litigation



**Frank "Sonny" Seiler**  
Personal Injury General



**Gregory G. Sewell**  
Personal Injury  
Medical Malpractice  
Defense

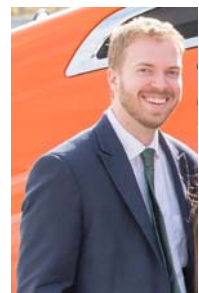
In addition, two Bouhan Falligant attorneys were selected as a Rising Star:

The Rising Star award is presented to no more than 2.5 percent of lawyers in the state who meet the same criteria as Super Lawyers. Rising Stars are either 40 years old or younger or have been in practice 10 or fewer years.

*Super Lawyers is a rating service that identifies outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The multi-phased selection process includes independent research, peer nominations, and peer evaluations.*



**Andrew H. Dekle**  
Civil Litigation:  
Defense



**Lucas D. Bradley**  
Transportation/Maritime



**ABOUT BOUHAN FALLIGANT:**

Bouhan Falligant is a full-service Georgia law firm with experienced attorneys who can handle a broad range of complex legal issues for businesses, governmental entities, organizations, professionals, and individuals, both regionally and nationally. Through more than 125 years of practicing law, the firm has developed the deep knowledge base and sound judgment that delivers value to our clients. Bouhan Falligant attracts exceptional attorneys who are diligent, determined and care about the success of its clients.



## Justice Leah Ward Sears: Seizing Serendipity

Please join Savannah Law School and the Savannah Chapter of the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers for a discussion with Justice Leah Ward Sears at 4:00 PM on March 30<sup>th</sup> at Savannah Law School.

Justice Sears will be joined by the author of her recently published biography, *Seizing Serendipity*, Dr. Rebecca Davis, and the discussion will be moderated by Ann Woolner.

Justice Leah Ward Sears is the first woman and youngest justice to sit on the Supreme Court of Georgia and the first African-American woman to serve as chief justice of any supreme court in the country.

RSVP here: [JusticeSearsEvent.eventbrite.com](http://JusticeSearsEvent.eventbrite.com)

Please forward to your organization's members, and to anyone who may find this event of interest. Please reserve your seats as soon as possible, as space is limited.

Join Us for a discussion with Justice Leah Ward Sears, Author Dr. Rebecca Davis and Moderator Ann Woolner.

Justice Sears is the first African-American woman to serve as chief justice of any state high court.

Dr. Rebecca Davis, Author

Ann Woolner, Moderator

Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Justice Leah Ward Sears  
*Seizing Serendipity*  
REBECCA SHRIVER DAVIS

MARCH 30, 2018 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
SAVANNAH LAW SCHOOL  
4th Floor Courtroom

PLEASE RSVP TO:  
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Women Lawyers,  
and The Savannah Law School

## Looking for a PT/FT Paralegal?

Interested in hosting a Paralegal Intern for the Spring/Fall (15-weeks) or Summer (8-weeks) Semesters?

If so, contact Debra R. Geiger, Esq., Paralegal Studies Department Head at Savannah Technical College at 912-443-5715 or [dgeiger@savannahtech.edu](mailto:dgeiger@savannahtech.edu).

Our students and recent graduates are eager to learn and work with you!







Questions? Email [LLFinfo@georgiafoodbankassociation.org](mailto:LLFinfo@georgiafoodbankassociation.org)




**April 16 - 27, 2018**

**Fight hunger by going head-to-head with Georgia's lawyers outside the courtroom.**

*Join the Attorney General, the State Bar, and the YLD in the 7th Annual Georgia Legal Food Frenzy food and fund drive competition, which has raised over 1.5 million dollars for Georgia's food banks since it started. Everything you raise stays LOCAL and benefits the regional food bank that serves your community.*

**Register your law firm or legal organization today!**  
[www.galegalfoodfrenzy.org/sign-up](http://www.galegalfoodfrenzy.org/sign-up)

**WHO** Open to EVERYONE in the legal community. All law firms (solos, small, medium, and large), legal organizations (bar associations, vendors, etc.) corporate/in-house counsel, and clerks & judges can compete with special awards for each.

**RULES & AWARDS** Between April 16-27, every \$1 raised is 4 points and every pound raised is 1 point. Awards are given in the different categories based on the most points earned per employee and the most points overall. The Attorney General's Cup and the Bar President's Award are given to the grand prize winners. All winners will be recognized during the Annual Georgia Bar Meeting on June 8.

**THE NEED** 1 in 4 children in Georgia are at risk for hunger and over 60% qualify for free or reduced meals at school, but their families often struggle when they are home for summer. The competition helps stock the food banks to meet the need. With every \$1 you donate, food banks can distribute \$8 in groceries or over 4 meals.



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## Ellis, Painter, Ratterree & Adams LLP seeks a litigation associate

Ellis, Painter, Ratterree & Adams LLP seeks a litigation associate with at least two years' experience. Salary and benefits commiserate with experience. All inquiries will be held in strict confidence. Please submit resume, transcript, and recent writing sample to Sally Akins if interested

## First floor office available for lease

Nicely appointed, first floor office space at 315 Commercial Drive, Savannah. One to three offices and large conference room available. Includes common reception area, kitchen, common file room, conference room, 2 bathrooms. Furniture negotiable. Existing tenants to share with include an attorney and financial planner.

Contact Liz Thompson 912-659-9910 [liz@rtzlaw.com](mailto:liz@rtzlaw.com)



## Savannah YLD Update

A proud supporter of the Ronald McDonald House, the Savannah YLD sponsored a meal for residents of the local Ronald McDonald House on Sunday, March 4. Providing a meal for our local residents has become a favorite philanthropy for the Savannah YLD, and we look forward to a long future of providing support for such a special cause.

The Savannah YLD would like to thank Coastal Court Reporting for sponsoring its January happy hour at Service Brewing and Queensboro Bank for sponsoring its annual Trivia Night at the Savannah Tap House. Our faithful and generous sponsors are key to our continuing ability to foster a vibrant community and sense of camaraderie among our newest members of the Bar.

Finally, the Savannah YLD, is gearing up for its Annual Guardian Ad Litem Charity Golf Tournament, to be held on June 8, 2018, at the Landings Club Palmetto Course. Entry Fees are \$112.50 per player or \$450.00 per team, which includes green fees, cart, range balls, and beverages. The registration deadline is May 21, 2018. We invite anyone to register individually or as a team.

Please contact Bobo Mullens at (912) 236-3311 or by email at [dbmullens@olivermaner.com](mailto:dbmullens@olivermaner.com) for more information, or if you would like an entry or sponsorship form.

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## GLSP Completes Landlord-Tenant Team

Aided with support of the Georgia Bar Foundation and Equal Justice Works, the Savannah Office has filled out the team addressing landlord-tenant issues in the service area. The latest and final addition to the team will be Alison Slagowitz who will be serving as the Equal Justice Works GA Housing Corps Fellow. She will handle matters concerning low-income tenants of public and subsidized housing in Chatham and the 10 surrounding counties served by the Savannah Office. Her cases will include individual dispossession proceedings, substandard housing conditions, as well as individual and systemic tenant rights violations.

Prior to joining the team at the GLSP, Alison served as a Contract Law Clerk for the Affirmative Civil Enforcement Unit in the Civil Division for the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Georgia, where she focused on healthcare fraud, federal procurement fraud, and civil violations of the Controlled Substances Act.

Alison graduated *summa cum laude* and Order of the Oak from Savannah Law School in May 2016 as part of the inaugural part-time, four-year, evening program. Prior to law school, Alison received her undergraduate Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts from Sarah Lawrence College and directed a commercial fine art licensing company in New York City.

Alison completes the GLSP team focusing on promoting community redevelopment and addressing housing instability for low-income tenants. The team also includes Amanda Webb (Eviction Prevention Project Staff Attorney) and Lee Robbins (Equal Justice Works GA Housing Corps Advocate).



## GLSP to Offer TPO Training

If you are interested in getting the chance to get into court or simply learn of new developments in the area, Georgia Legal Services is offering the following CLE class. The office always has a need for attorneys willing to handle TPO cases. We work closely with SAFE Shelter to make sure all their clients have access to attorneys for the hearings. This is a particularly meaningful way to provide Pro Bono services. If you are interested in attending, please contact Ruth Ann Dutton at 912-651-2283 ext. 2184 or by emailing at [rdutton@glsp.org](mailto:rdutton@glsp.org).

**Training:** Temporary Protective Orders

**Date:** April 13<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 9:00 am-12:00 pm

**Location:** GLSP Conference Room 6602 Abercorn Street, Suite 203 Savannah 31405

\*CLE's (pending approval)

1 CLE in Ethics

1 CLE in Professionalism

1 CLE in Trial



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## Now Open for Submissions

The Savannah Bar Association is always seeking content for upcoming editions of *The Citation*.

Members are encouraged to submit:

- Your professional and personal announcements
- Law-related advertisements,
- Articles or announcements regarding your preferred philanthropies
- Other written submissions.

Suggestions for improving *The Citation* are also always welcome.

Finally, we love to receive photographs and video to share with our readers! Bear in mind that our readers include not only current SBA members, but also many judges and law school students.

Please contact us at [SBACitation@gmail.com](mailto:SBACitation@gmail.com) with submissions or inquiries.